Today I welcomed sixteen cancer activists to my Washington office where I signed the Congressional Cancer Promise. I joined cancer survivors and their families, as well as community leaders and local medical professionals in the campaign to make cancer prevention, early detection and survivorship a national priority. I commend my constituents who together with me bore witness by the U. S. Capitol Reflecting Pool for the American Cancer Society "Celebration on the Hill."

This culminated in the lighting of 17,000 candles to commemorate those who are fighting cancer today as well as others who have lost their battle. Everyone is touched by cancer in some way. I will continue to work in Congress to ensure the full resources of the federal government are utilized to end this deadly disease.